Amendments to the claims

1. (previously presented): A conveyor belt comprising:

a series of rows of belt modules having spaced apart hinge eyes along leading and trailing ends of each row and arranged end to end with the leading hinge eyes along a trailing row interleaved with the trailing hinge eyes along a leading row;

a plurality of hinge pins received in the interleaved hinge eyes between consecutive rows to connect the rows into a conveyor belt;

wherein each row includes a plurality of belt modules having side faces, wherein adjacent belt modules are welded side to side at facing, like-shaped side faces to form a seamless portion of a row of adjacent belt modules.

2. (original): A conveyor belt as in claim 1 wherein at least some of the belt modules lack hinge eyes along the leading and trailing ends.

3. (original): A conveyor belt as in claim 1 wherein adjacent belt modules are welded by a vibration welding process.

4. (original): A conveyor belt as in claim 1 wherein each of the belt modules in a row is welded side to side to any adjacent belt module in the row to form a seamless row of belt modules.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended): A method for making a wide conveyor belt module comprising:

forming a plurality of individual narrow belt modules with opposite like-shaped first and second side faces across the width of each module;

welding the first side face of a narrow module to the second side face of another narrow module to form a welded module;

repeating, as required, the welding step with the welded module and other narrow modules to form a seamless wide conveyor belt module of predetermined width.

8. (original): A method for making a wide conveyor belt module as in claim 7 wherein the narrow belt modules are welded to each other by a vibration welding process.